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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES FOR BREEDING SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, *Brucella melitensis*.
2. The United States is free of babesiosis and trypanosomiasis (*T. congolense*, *T. vivax*, *T. brucei*, and *T. simiae*).
3. The animals originate from a State where no cases of vesicular stomatitis have been reported to occur during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
4. The animals offered for export are free of any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, and come from premises where no clinical cases of contagious diseases have been reported to occur during the 6 months prior to embarkation.
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 - 5.1) The animals for export originate from States classified as low incidence for blue tongue. (See #2 under Other Information for State blue tongue incidence categories)
 - 5.2) **Note: In the case of DORPER Sheep, the animals may originate from any State, but must comply with the Blue tongue testing requirements outlined below (item No. 3 under Testing Requirements).**
6. The animals to be exported were isolated from all other animals not part of the shipment for at least 30 days prior to embarkation.
7. The animals were transported directly from the isolation facility to the port of embarkation without coming into contact with other animals of lesser or unknown health status.
8. The animals were examined and found free of any external and internal parasites, and were treated for internal and external parasites prior to exportation. (Note the date and products used on the health certificate.)

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Paratuberculosis: Any recognized test
2. Leptospirosis: Microagglutination test at a dilution of 1:400 OR ELISA test (for *hardjo* and *interrogans* serovars); OR vaccination with a killed bacterin.
3. Blue tongue: ELISA or AGID test
(Note: for **Dorper Sheep** originating from Medium or High Incidence States, **TWO** tests, at least 14 days apart are required)
4. Ovine Progressive Pneumonia: Any serological test

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The plane transporting the animals must be mosquito free.
2. Blue tongue State classification.

LOW INCIDENCE:

Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, and West Virginia

MEDIUM INCIDENCE:

Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming

HIGH INCIDENCE:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas

Note: Except for Dorper Sheep, animals may not come directly from medium and high incidence States.

3. At least 72 hours prior to the exportation, the Veterinary Services in The Netherlands Antilles (Curacao) must be informed whether or not the animals have been vaccinated for any other diseases, and whether such diseases are of any danger of spreading in a non-vaccinated herd of cows, sheep and goats. Such information may be sent by facsimile to the Veterinary Services in Curacao at 011-599-9- 61-1014.